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## CALENDAR OF EXHIBITS

*Ancient Lives:*  
*The Tebtunis Papyri in Context*  
September 24 - December 1999  
Bancroft Library Gallery

The Bancroft Library's fall exhibit opens Friday, September 24 and runs until December 1999. The exhibit features a number of interesting selections from the Library's collection of 22,000 papyri which were discovered in Egypt at the turn of the century by university archaeologists. Included are literary texts (Homer and Sophocles) as well as documents of official and daily life of the times. The exhibit



examines the nature of papyrus (ancient "paper"), the history of the discovery of the papyri, and the conservation and scholarly use of the collection.

Papyrus (P.Teb. 256) of  
*Homer's Iliad*, (late 2nd  
century A.D.), The Bancroft  
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